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SUBJECT: OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL EPIZOOTICS

AGATT PASS USDEL OIE

1. CONCERNED USG AGENCIES HAVE EXAMINED OIE BUDGET USING CRITERIA GENERALLY APPLIED TO ALL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. WHILE WE BELIEVE IT UNREASONABLE OF OIE SECRETARIAT TO EXPECT APPROVAL OF A BUDGET SUBMITTED FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION ONLY SIX DAYS BEFORE MEETING, DELEGATION MAY JOIN IN APPROVAL OF 1978/79 BUDGET AS PROPOSED VITTOZ LETTER OF MAY 6. HOWEVER, DECISION ON 1979/80 AND 1981/82 BUDGETS SHOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL NEXT YEAR.

2. WE BELIEVE IT MAKES LITTLE SENSE FOR FINANCIAL PERIOD TO BE ENDED TWO MONTHS PRIOR TO APPROVAL OF BUDGET FOR  
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NEXT PERIOD, AND WOULD SUGGEST FINANCIAL PERIOD TERMINATE JUNE 30. SECRETARIAT WOULD PROVIDE INTERIM ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURES AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS WOULD BE AVAILABLE SUBSEQUENTLY.

3. OTHER POINTS WHICH DELEGATION SHOULD MAKE IN PLENARY, OR PRIVATE TO VITTOZ AS APPROPRIATE, ARE:

-- WE ARE SERIOUSLY DISTURBED BY TARDINESS OF BUDGET SUBMISSION AND INSIST THAT FUTURE BUDGET PROPOSALS BE AVAILABLE 60-90 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF MEETING. WHILE WE RELUCTANTLY WILL AGREE TO 1978/79 BUDGET ON BASIS OF SCANTY INFORMATION PROVIDED, FUTURE REQUESTS, INCLUDING THAT FOR 1979/80, ETC., MUST BE MORE DETAILED. WHILE AUDITED ACCOUNTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT MEETING, THERE IS NO MATERIAL PROVIDED IN ADVANCE TO ALLOW BUDGET EXPERTS TO STUDY PROPOSALS.

-- AMONG THE SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION NECESSARY ARE SUCH ITEMS AS (A) EXPENDITURES FOR PRIOR FISCAL PERIOD, (B) STAFF LEVELS, GRADES AND SALARY STRUCTURE.

-- WE DO NOT FEEL NEW BUDGETS SHOULD BE CONSTRUCTED SIMPLY ON BASIS OF CURRENT PROGRAM PLUS EXPECTED COST INCREASES AND PROGRAM INCREASES. ARE OIE'S PROGRAMS, PUBLICATIONS, AND MEETING FREQUENCY REVIEWED REGULARLY TO SEE WHETHER ALL ARE MEETING NEEDS OR COULD BE TRIMMED BACK IN FAVOR OF HIGHER PRIORITY ITEMS?

-- ON WHAT DOES OIE BASE ITS SALARY SCALE AND HOW IS IT MODIFIED?

4. WASHINGTON AGENCIES NEED FULL INFORMATION ON OIE  
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PAYMENT FOR TRAVEL OF DELEGATES AND STAFF, INCLUDING  
MODE OF TRAVEL.

5. WE WOULD LIKE A BETTER DESCRIPTION OF RESERVE AND PROVIDENT ACCOUNT AS WELL AS EXPLANATION WHY PAYMENTS IN 80/81 LEAP FROM FF350,000 TO FF600,000. VANCE

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